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Letter dated 23 April 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement on the Montenegrin parliamentary elections of 22 April 2001 issued on 23 April 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement on the Montenegrin parliamentary elections of 22 April 2001 issued on 23 April 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the orderly conduct of the parliamentary elections in Montenegro. The electoral process has lived up to European standards. The European Union now looks forward to the formation of a government that will continue the path of democratic reform and lead a policy that respects the will of the citizens of Montenegro.

The European Union urges the new Montenegrin government to resume the dialogue with Belgrade without delay, aiming at an agreed redefinition of Federal relations, according to democratic principles and in a way that will ensure the stability of the region. The successful outcome of this dialogue, which excludes any unilateral action, would enable the European Union to continue its political, economic and financial support to Montenegro.

A senior officials Troika from the European Union will visit Podgorica and Belgrade on 24 and 25 April to reinforce this message.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the European Free Trade Association countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.